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For: FLEXIBLE MILK HOSE FOR AN AUTOMATIC MILKING PLANT

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Group: 3644

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In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2004,  
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Thank you.

Regards,

  
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